

REMARKS

The present Amendment and Response is responsive to the Non-final Office Action mailed November 23, 2007. By this Amendment, Claims 1-13 and 16-34 remain pending. Independent Claims 1, 16, 21, and 23 and dependent Claims 3-6, 8-13, 17-20 and 22 have been amended. New independent Claim 35 and new dependent Claims 24-34 have been added. Independent Claim 14 and dependent Claim 15 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments. In view of the amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully assert that the rejections are now made moot and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Non-final Office Action, Claims 14-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Marwell et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0196922 ("Marwell").

In Response, Claims 14-15 have been cancelled. Following the cancellation of Claims 14-15, the Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims of the present application are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Non-final Office Action, Claims 1-13 and 16-23 were found to be allowable. By the present Amendment, independent Claims 1, 16, 21, and 23 and dependent Claims 3-6, 8-13, 17-20, and 22 have been amended to correct minor errors. For example, semicolons appearing before wherein clauses have been replaced with commas. Additionally, some of the dependent claims such as, for example, dependent Claims 10 and 12, have been broken into several dependent claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by the amendments. Due to the minor nature of the amendments made, the Applicants respectfully assert that the amended claims remain in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the allowance of Claims 1-13 and 16-23.

Patentability of New Independent Claim 35

By the present Amendment, new independent Claim 35 has been added. New independent Claim 35 includes recitations that are similar to those included in allowable independent Claims 1, 16, 21, and 23. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that new independent Claim 35 is allowable for the same reasons as independent Claims 1, 16, 21, and 23.

Patentability of New Dependent Claims 24-34

By the present Amendment, new dependent Claims 24-34 have been added. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by the addition of new dependent Claims 24-34.

New dependent Claim 24 recites that “the first network location and the third network location comprise a single network location.” New dependent Claim 34 includes a similar recitation. These recitations are supported throughout the Specification. For example, these recitations are supported at least at paragraph [0076], which states:

In an alternative implementation, an application service provider, such as EBSP 203, hosts the extended contact list instead of the contact service 202. In such a case, the application service provider hosting the extended contact lists would perform the same functions performed by the contact service 202 described herein. Also, in another alternative implementation, the user's computing system 500 hosts the extended contact list in memory 505.

Additionally, the Applicants respectfully assert that new dependent Claims 24 and 34 are allowable as a matter of law as depending from an allowable base claim, notwithstanding their independent recitation of patentable features.

New dependent Claims 25 and 26 recite features that were originally recited in allowable dependent Claims 10 and 12. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that new dependent Claims 25 and 26 are in condition for allowance, as indicated by the Office Action

with respect to dependent Claims 10 and 12. Additionally, the Applicants respectfully assert that new dependent Claims 25 and 26 are allowable as a matter of law as depending from an allowable base claim, notwithstanding their independent recitation of patentable features.

New dependent Claims 27-33 further define allowable independent Claim 16 and any intermediate claims. New dependent Claims 27-33 include similar recitations to those recited in the allowable claims that depend from allowable independent Claim 1. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that new dependent Claims 27-33 are in condition for allowance. Additionally, the Applicants respectfully assert that new dependent Claims 27-33 are allowable as a matter of law as depending from an allowable base claim, notwithstanding their independent recitation of patentable features.

CONCLUSION

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-5029.

If there are any issues which can be resolved by teleconference or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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